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UDALL FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SERVICE WITH NATIONAL BIODIESEL BUS TOUR

SUMMER TRIP WILL HIGHLIGHT SUSTAINABLE CITIES, NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, COLLEGE CAMPUSES, NATIONAL PARKS AND BIOFUELS

On June 12, thirteen young Udall alumni will pack their bags for a two-month journey across the United States promoting public service and the legacy of Congressman Morris K. Udall. Traveling in the first-ever "green certified" motor coach, they will cross the country highlighting innovative initiatives in over two dozen places including cities, Native American communities, national parks and college campuses.

Along the way, the riders will participate in local public service projects planned and implemented by alumni of the Foundation's scholarship, fellowship and internship programs, such as replanting trees in New Orleans, campground development on the Grand Ronde Reservation in Oregon, and exploring national parks through photography with local youth in Acadia National Park, Maine.

The Udall Legacy Bus Tour will kick off at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on June 12 at an event featuring a number of members of the Senate and House. The tour's goal is to honor Congressman Morris K. Udall's legacy by highlighting young people nationwide who are finding solutions to America's pressing environmental and Native American issues. In that spirit, the Tour will cross the nation in the first motor coach approved by the University of Vermont's pilot "Green Coach Certification" program. Fueled by a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% ultra low sulfur diesel, the bus will be equipped with emissions-monitoring hardware and the real time data will be posted on the tour's website. In addition, carbon offsets will help the Foundation reach its goal of hosting a carbon-neutral tour.

The bus tour closes out the Udall Foundation's yearlong "Celebration of Public Service." The celebration, marking the 10th anniversary of the Udall Foundation's education programs, involves over 50 public service projects nationwide created and carried out by Udall scholars, interns and fellows. The tour will end on August 4, 2007, in Tucson, Arizona, where the Foundation is located.

Sponsors include: the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, the University of Vermont's Transportation Center, Lamoille Valley Transportation, the City of Tucson, Caterpillar Inc., and the Bert W. Martin Foundation., Motor Coach Industries is donating use of a new motor coach, and Particle Instruments is providing emissions testing equipment.

Established by Congress, the Morris K. Udall Foundation awards the premier merit-based scholarships, fellowships and internships for studies related to the environment and Native American policy in the United States. Since 1996, the Foundation has awarded 916 scholarships of \$5,000 each and 22 Ph.D. fellowships of \$24,000 each, and has placed 138 Native American interns in Congressional and Executive Branch Offices. In addition to its education programs, the Foundation includes the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, which provides mediation and related services to help resolve federal environmental disputes nationwide.

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